Stand-Alone Refinery Concept

891. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the background behind the earlier encouragement of Government to the Stand-Alone Refinery;

(b) whether it is a feet that in present day scenario the Stand-Alone Refinery has become an outdated concept;

(c) which are the entities running Stand-Alone Refineries in the country today in all Sectors;

(d) whether there is any effort to change the constitution of such Stand-Alone Refineries companies; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to bring about changes in Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): fa) and (b) The Government has been encouraging setting up of new refineries including stand-alone refineries to bridge the gap between the supply and demand of petroleum products. The refining sector has been delicensed in June» 1998 to encourage investments in this sector.

(c) The details of the stand alone refineries in public sector, joint sector and private sector are as under:

Public Sector

1. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (CPCL)

   Manali and Nagapatnam (Tamil Nadu)

2. Kochi refineries Ltd. (KRL)—Kochi (Kerala)

3. Bongaigaon Refineries and Ptero-chemicals Ltd. (BRPL), bongaigaon (Assam).

4. Numaligarh Refineries Ltd, (NRL)

Joint Sector

1. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL),m Mangalore (Karnataka)

Private Sector

1. Reliance Petroleum Ltd. (RPL), Jamnagar (Gujarat).

(d) and (e) With the proposed dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the oil sector the stand-alone refineries constitution changes may be required.

India'a suggestion to OPEC for price concession for developing countries

892. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has suggested to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countires (OPEC) to consider oil price concession for the developing countries; and

(b) the implication of surging international oil price and its impact on India and other developing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) In March 2000 India had made a request to OPEC members to increase the production level of crude oil which would facilitate bringing down the oil prices to sustainable stable levels in the interest of both the producing and consuming developing countries. Implication of surging international oil prices would depend upon the quantum of imports of crude oil by different countries. For India, higher international oil prices result into higher import bill.

Restoration of alienated land to SCs/STs

893. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee headed by the Prime Minister recommended '. or formulativy.i and implementation of a scheme for restoration of alienated lands to the SCs and STs in the year 1992.

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and tl J salient features of any such scheme adopted/implemented and results achiever in this regard; and

(c) the reasons if the said recomm* ndation is not implemented with satisfactory results?